

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please find a reproduction of all the pending claims below, including a status identifier for the claims, wherein claim 1 has been currently amended:

In the claims

Claim 1 (currently amended). A nozzle for a blow molding machine that uses an external compressed air source comprising:

a base connected to a compressed air source and having a top, a bottom, an inlet defined in the bottom and a mouth defined in the top, communicating with the inlet and having a first diameter at the top of the base;

an attachment collar attached securely to the top of the base and having a top, a bottom, a central hole defined coaxially through the attachment collar and a top flange formed in and extending into the central hole at the top of the attachment collar; and

a head mounted moveably in the central hole in the attachment collar and having a bottom, a top extending out from the top of the attachment collar, a central passage defined longitudinally through the head, communicating with the mouth in the base and having a second diameter at the bottom of the head and a bottom protrusion protruding radially out from the bottom of the head,

wherein the first diameter of the mouth at the top of the base is larger than the second diameter of the central passage at the bottom of the head to make part of the

bottom of the head correspond to the mouth[[.]];.

the base has multiple threaded holes defined in the top of the base;

the attachment collar has multiple through holes defined through the attachment collar and aligning respectively with the threaded holes in the base; and

multiple bolts penetrating respectively through the through holes in the attachment collar and screwed respectively into the threaded holes in the base to securely attach the attachment collar onto the base.

Claim 2 (original). The nozzle as claimed in claim 1, wherein
a gap is defined between the top flange on the attachment collar and the bottom protrusion on the head to make the head moveable relative to the attachment collar.

Claim 3 (original). The nozzle as claimed in claim 2 further comprising an O-ring mounted around the protrusion on the head.

Claim 4 (original). The nozzle as claimed in claim 2, wherein the head has a chamfer defined around the top of the head.

Claim 5 (original). The nozzle as claimed in claim 4 further comprising an O-ring mounted around the head near the top of the head.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).